

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

1 A method for removing a failed dental restoration of a
2 composite filling material and/or a bonding cement which under
3 ambient light is not readily distinguishable from natural
4 tooth structure includes the steps:

- 5 - applying ultraviolet light to the tooth from which the
6 composite filling material or resin-cemented restoration is
7 to be removed and thereby making the restorative material
8 distinguishable from the natural tooth structure, and
- 9 - removing the restorative material by conventional means
10 while observing the tooth and restorative material in the
11 presence of the ultraviolet light.